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**COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**A meeting of the  
YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET SUB COMMITTEE**

**will be held Virtually on  
WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2023 at 4.00 PM**

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**LIST OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest: and
2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

**2. MINUTES**

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

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**3. POTENTIAL TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL EVENT SPACE AT YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK**

To receive the report of the Director of Prosperity and Development seeking Members' views on progressing the potential redevelopment opportunities for an event space within Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

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**4. URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items, which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.



**Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication**

**Circulation:-**

**Councillors:** Councillor M Webber (Chair), Councillor A Crimmings (Vice-Chair), Councillor C Leyshon and Councillor S Powderhill

**Officers:**

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication  
Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal Services and Democratic Services  
Mr S Gale, Director of Prosperity & Development  
Mr P Mortimer, Funding And Implementation Manager



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

### **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee held on Wednesday, 1 May 2019 at 10.00 am at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

#### **County Borough Councillors - Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee Members in attendance:-**

Councillor M Webber (Chair)

Councillor A Crimmings    Councillor S Powderhill

#### **Officers in attendance**

Mr S Gale, Director of Prosperity & Development

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal Services

Mr D Batten, Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside

Mr P Nicholls, Service Director, Legal Services

Mr Chris Richards, Visitor Attractions & Heritage Services

Ms J Edwards, Parks Manager

Ms M Gibbs, Leisure & Parks Facilities Manager

Mr I Christopher, Strategic Manager

#### **14 APOLOGY**

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillor L De Vet.

#### **15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Councils Code of Code conduct no declarations were made pertaining to the agenda.

#### **16 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

#### **17 UPDATE ON PROGRESS - YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK**

The Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside provided the trustees with an update on the progress made to date regarding the National Lottery Heritage Fund (previously Heritage Lottery Fund) Parks for People application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

Members were reminded that the stage 1 application had been successful,

resulting in the Council receiving a grant (£208,500) to support the preparation of a stage 2 application which is to be submitted in August 2019.

The officer proceeded to provide details of the work done to date in respect of the stage 2 application, including a planning application and meetings with the Environment Partnership in respect of the plans needed to be taken forward, with particular reference to the drafting of a Management and Maintenance Plan which will act as a reference manual for current and future maintenance operations across the whole site.

Members were advised that the project team had met with the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a project progress meeting on 10th April and the officer provided a brief summary of the key recommendations highlighted from the meeting

- Ensure that Business Plan reflects the successful track record of enterprise start up regarding the Lido Ponty training centre further enhancing the business case for the centre.
- Ensure that Interpretation Plan is at RIBA Stage 3 matching the architectural designs for the Horticultural Centre
- Consider the role of the Friends of Ynysangharad War Memorial Park for the delivery phase.
- Enhance the biodiversity elements within the Management and Maintenance Plan.

The Chair thanked the officer for the update and took the opportunity to compliment the Parks Manager for the success of the 'Friends of the Park' programme. The Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside agreed that although this was a targeted action required by the submission, the group had proven to be an enormous success and the key would be to ensure it longevity in the future.

Members discussed the use of social media to promote the successful application and also queried the retention of knowledge within the department with the future retirement of an experienced Officer. The Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside reassured Members that the knowledge and experience of the officer was being shared with other team members to ensure continuity.

Members concluded their questions by seeking clarification on the timescales post August. Officers advised that following submission of the bid in August, the bid would be considered by a Welsh Panel in November and then a National Panel in December. If successful then the delivery phase would commence from January 2020.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED:**

1. To note and support the ongoing project work in respect of a 'Parks for People' stage 2 application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, which is due to be submitted on the 20th August 2019.

## **18 MAJOR MUSIC CONCERT IN YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK**

Through his report the Director of Prosperity & Development updated the Trustees on the plans to hold a major music event in the park during August 2019 and provided further details on the implications the event would have on park users.

Members were reminded of similar events held in the park over previous years, which had been subsidised by the Council, adding that for a number of reasons, the event had not taken place since 2014.

The Director advised that going forward, on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019, it was proposed that the park would be the venue for a music concert under the banner of 'Ponty's Big Weekend' advising that the show would be a wholly commercial undertaking by the promoters Orchard Entertainment without subsidy from the Council.

Members attention was drawn to 5.4 of the report which set out the implications for the park in respect of the event, namely the proposal to close the park from 12 noon on the day of the event to ensure site sterilisation and security, with the gates re-opening at 3pm for ticket holders only with the concert scheduled to finish at 10:30pm.

The Chair expressed her delight that the event was coming back to Pontypridd and the opportunity to build on the increasingly successful regeneration of Pontypridd.

Members spoke of their concerns of closing the park for park users but spoke of a balance needed to be achieved to ensure little impact of park users and safety of attendees of the concert. Members felt that a closure time of 12 noon was appropriate, to still allow the morning park run to proceed and still gave the event organisers sufficient time to set up the security arrangements needed for the event to proceed.

Members discussed the plans following the end of the event, which was scheduled to close at 10.30pm. Officers advised that through discussions at the Council's Events Safety Advisory Group, which included partners such as the Police there had been no concerns raised about the concert and Members were advised that the Police had agreed to take full ownership of the management of stopping traffic at the close of the concert to allow attendees to leave the park across bridge and to proceed into Pontypridd Town Centre High Street. Members commented that out of courtesy it would be useful to keep the BID informed of the event and the proposed plans and officers confirmed that they had already been advised through the discussions of the Events Safety Advisory Group.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED** to:

1. Note the content of the report.

**This meeting closed at 10.30 am**

**Cllr M Webber  
Chairman.**

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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE**

**15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

**POTENTIAL TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL EVENT SPACE AT  
YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROSPERITY & DEVELOPMENT**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Cabinet Committee on progressing the potential redevelopment opportunity for an event space within Ynysangharad War Memorial Park which will support the delivery of major events and to bid for funding from the Visit Wales Brilliant Basics Programme.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Cabinet Committee:

- 2.1 Consider the concept design proposal presented in the report and to instruct officers to proceed with its further development and bid for funding from the Visit Wales Brilliant Basics Programme.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To ensure that the Council can make the best possible use of Ynysangharad War Memorial Park for major events and provide local communities with useable green spaces and take advantage of the funding opportunity provided by the Brilliant Basics Programme.

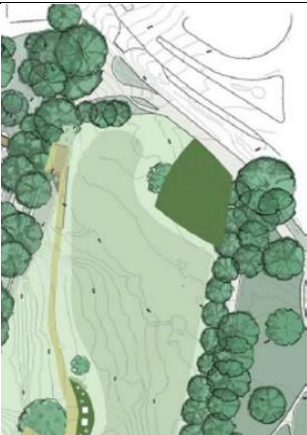
**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 To maximise the space available to host events at Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, the Council appointed consultants to produce a feasibility report on the potential to introduce an Events Space at the large green area adjacent to the bridge access from the Lllys Cadwyn development.

- 4.2 This area of the park under consideration, was previously the site of a pitch-n-putt golf course and was later used for footgolf. It has not been used for some time and currently offers little amenity value due to the undulating topography designed for golf.
- 4.3 An existing but under-utilised green space occupies much of this top corner adjacent to the footbridge. The space has the potential to facilitate an events area and community gatherings that can be enjoyed by all but retains as much useable green space as possible.

**5. EVENT SPACE PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 A feasibility report and a concept design has been developed for the event space. Establishing this space is essential to expand the existing facilities to host large events within the park and provide an additional option to avoid disrupting the regular users of the park when events take place.
- 5.2 The high-level cost estimate and description of the concept design are set out below:

<p>Upper Event Space and Path Works = <b>£249k</b></p>	<p>The upper plateau will be flattened to make a useable space with the potential for temporary or permanent hardstanding for flexible uses. It is proposed that a new footway be introduced to access the upper and lower event spaces. This will run along the site’s western edge, following the existing topography and bank along Main Avenue, and connect with Central Avenue as it meets the Bandstand area.</p>	
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- 5.3 This proposal also facilitates the potential for further phases to bring the embankment and ‘dead space’ adjacent to the kiosk back into more beneficial use.

**6. PROJECT TIMESCALES AND DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The proposed concept design outlined above has the potential to be completed by the summer of 2024. However, the design and tendering process must be initiated by late summer 2023 to ensure a timely start on-site in the autumn of



2023. This will align with appropriate planting seasons, enabling optimal growing conditions before use.

- 6.2 In addition, it is proposed that the upper plateau will be levelled and therefore re-seeded to allow it to be used as a temporary event space and will require a settling-in period before it can be used.

## **7. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- 7.1 To support the delivery of this project, the Visit Wales Brilliant Basics Fund is a potential funding source. The purpose of Brilliant Basics is to deliver basic small-scale tourism infrastructure improvements across all of Wales to ensure that visitors have a positive and memorable experience throughout all aspects of their stay.

- 7.2 The Brilliant Basics Fund is capital-only, and grants are available up to a maximum of £300,000 with a maximum intervention rate of 80%. The 2023/24 round of funding is currently open with a deadline for the submission of Expressions of Interest being 16<sup>th</sup> March. This maximum award would cover the estimated cost of the proposal outlined above if a funding bid is successful.

## **8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY**

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment will be considered as part of the project design and development should it proceed.

## **9. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The Welsh Language implications will be considered as part of the project design and delivery should it proceed.

## **10. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT**

- 10.1 There is no requirements for consultation in respect of this report will be considered further should the project proceed to detailed design and development.

## **11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 A successful single application to the Visit Wales Brilliant Basics Fund would enable the design and delivery of the concept design, along with a match funding contribution from RCT CBC's own resources as set out in Paragraph 7 of the report.

## **12. LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 12.1 These will be considered in detail as part of the project design and development process should it proceed.

## **13. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.**

- 13.1 The regeneration project detailed in the report will collectively boost the local economy and provide job opportunities for local people.
- 13.2 The development will directly contribute to the goals of the Well Being of Future Generations Act. In particular, the economic and environmental well-being of Wales, supporting the delivery of a prosperous Wales, a more resilient Wales, and a Wales of cohesive communities.

## **14. CONCLUSION**

- 14.1 This report provides information seeking approval from Cabinet Committee on whether to progress the concept design option for the potential redevelopment opportunity in Ynysangharad Park and seek funding from the Brilliant Basics Fund to support the project design and delivery.